

# UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

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STRUCTURE NO. 2441  
FRANKLIN AVENUE (CSAH NO. 5)  
OVER THE  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
DISTRICT 5 - HENNEPIN COUNTY

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PREPARED FOR THE  
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UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION

REPORT SUMMARY:

The substructure units inspected at Bridge No. 2441, Piers 2 and 3, were found to be in satisfactory to fair condition. Both piers exhibited substantial section loss with exposed reinforcing steel; however, due to the massive size of the piers, the deterioration has not yet significantly compromised the structural capacity of the piers. The channel bottom around the substructure units appeared stable with no evidence of significant scour or appreciable changes since the previous inspection.

INSPECTION FINDINGS:

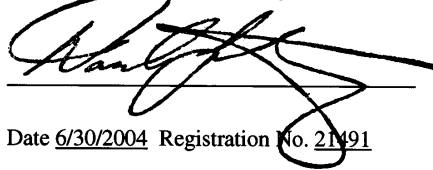
- (A) The concrete of both pier shafts was typically deteriorated from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom. The heaviest deterioration has occurred in the splash zone between the waterline and 3.5 feet below. The heavier deterioration has exposed reinforcing steel with typical penetrations into the concrete of 8 inches. Deterioration at the various corners of the shafts has penetrations of up to 1 foot.
- (B) Steel and timber debris was observed on the channel bottom around the entire perimeter of Pier 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (A) The deterioration with exposed reinforcing steel should be addressed before it progresses and becomes more detrimental. At the minimum, the exposed reinforcing steel should be cleaned and covered with an epoxy grout. Due to the significant loss of concrete section, however, a more desirable repair would be to remove all loose and unsound concrete, clean the exposed reinforcing steel, and reform the shaft to the original dimensions and lines with a concrete mix designed for underwater applications.
- (B) Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

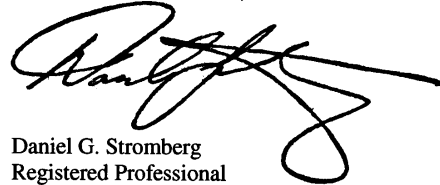
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Respectfully submitted,

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1. BRIDGE DATA

Bridge Number: 2441

Feature Crossed: The Mississippi River

Feature Carried: Franklin Avenue (CSAH No. 5)

Location: District 5 - Hennepin County

Bridge Description: Bridge No. 2441 has a five span, open-spandrel concrete arch superstructure. The superstructure is supported by two reinforced concrete abutments and four reinforced concrete piers. The available design drawings did not indicate the type of footing or foundation construction of the piers. The piers are numbered 1 through 4 starting from the south end of the bridge.

2. INSPECTION DATA

Professional Engineer/Team Leader: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.

Dive Team: Clayton G. Brookins, Michelle D. Koerbel

Date: October 1, 2002

Weather Conditions: Sunny,  $\pm 70^{\circ}$  F

Underwater Visibility:  $\pm 2$  Feet

Waterway Velocity: Negligible/None

3. SUBSTRUCTURE INSPECTION DATA

Substructure Inspected: Piers 2 and 3.

General Shape: The piers consist of large oblong rectangular shafts with rounded noses. The drawings furnished did not provide any foundation information.

Maximum Water Depth at Substructure Inspected: Approximately 9.5 Feet.

4. WATERLINE DATUM

Water Level Reference: Benchmark on Pier 2 at Elevation 731.0.

Water Surface: The waterline was approximately 5.2 feet below reference.  
Waterline Elevation = 725.8.

5. NBIS CODING INFORMATION (Minnesota specific codes are used for 92B and 113)

Item 60: Substructure: Code 5

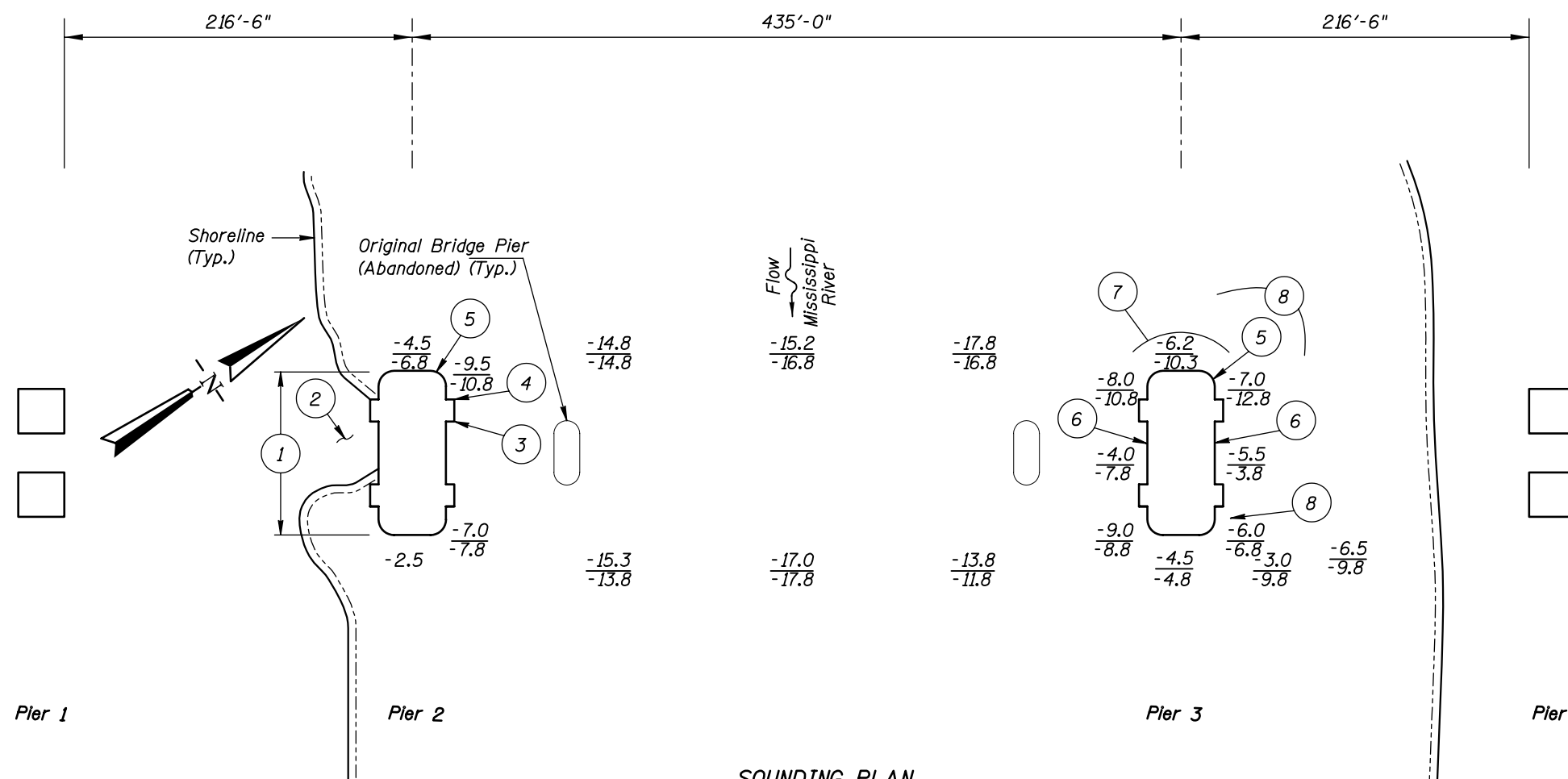
Item 61: Channel and Channel Protection: Code 7

Item 92B: Underwater Inspection: Code B/10/02

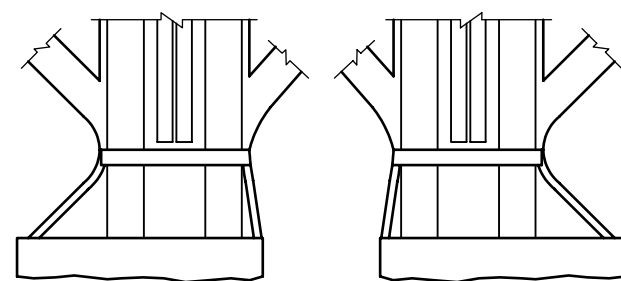
Item 113: Scour Critical Bridges: Code R/02

Bridge is scour critical because abutment or pier foundation is rated as unstable due to observed scour at bridge site.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes  X  No



SOUNDING PLAN



TYPICAL END VIEW OF PIERS

GENERAL NOTES:

1. Piers 2 and 3 were inspected underwater.
2. At the time of inspection on October 1, 2002, the waterline was located approximately 5.2 feet below the benchmark reference at Elevation 731.0 on Pier 2. Based on the reference this corresponds with a waterline elevation of 725.8.
3. Soundings indicate the water depth at the time of inspection and are measured in feet.
4. Soundings were taken parallel to the bridge at 1/4 point intervals between the substructure units.

INSPECTION NOTES:

- 1 The concrete along the west face of Pier 2 was in fair to poor condition with extensive scaling and areas of section loss observed from approximately 4 feet above the waterline to the channel bottom. Typically, the areas of section loss exhibited exposed heavily corroded reinforcing steel and up to 1 foot of penetration.
- 2 Accumulation of concrete rubble and steel debris was observed around Pier 2 and extended approximately 1 foot above the waterline along the west face of the pier.
- 3 An area of section loss with exposed reinforcing steel was observed from 4 feet above the waterline to approximately 4 feet below the waterline with up to 8 inches of penetration.
- 4 An area of section loss with exposed reinforcing steel was observed from 4 feet above the waterline to approximately 5 feet below the waterline with up to 12 inches of penetration.
- 5 Typically, Piers 2 and 3 exhibited heavy scaling from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom with areas of exposed reinforcing steel and up to 8 inches of penetration.
- 6 Heavy scaling was observed from 4 feet above the waterline to the waterline along the middle portion of the pier along both faces with exposed reinforcing steel and up to 10 inches of penetration.
- 7 Large diameter riprap has been stacked up in front of the upstream nose of Pier 3.
- 8 Rocks and boulders were observed on the channel bottom along the east side of Pier 3.

Legend

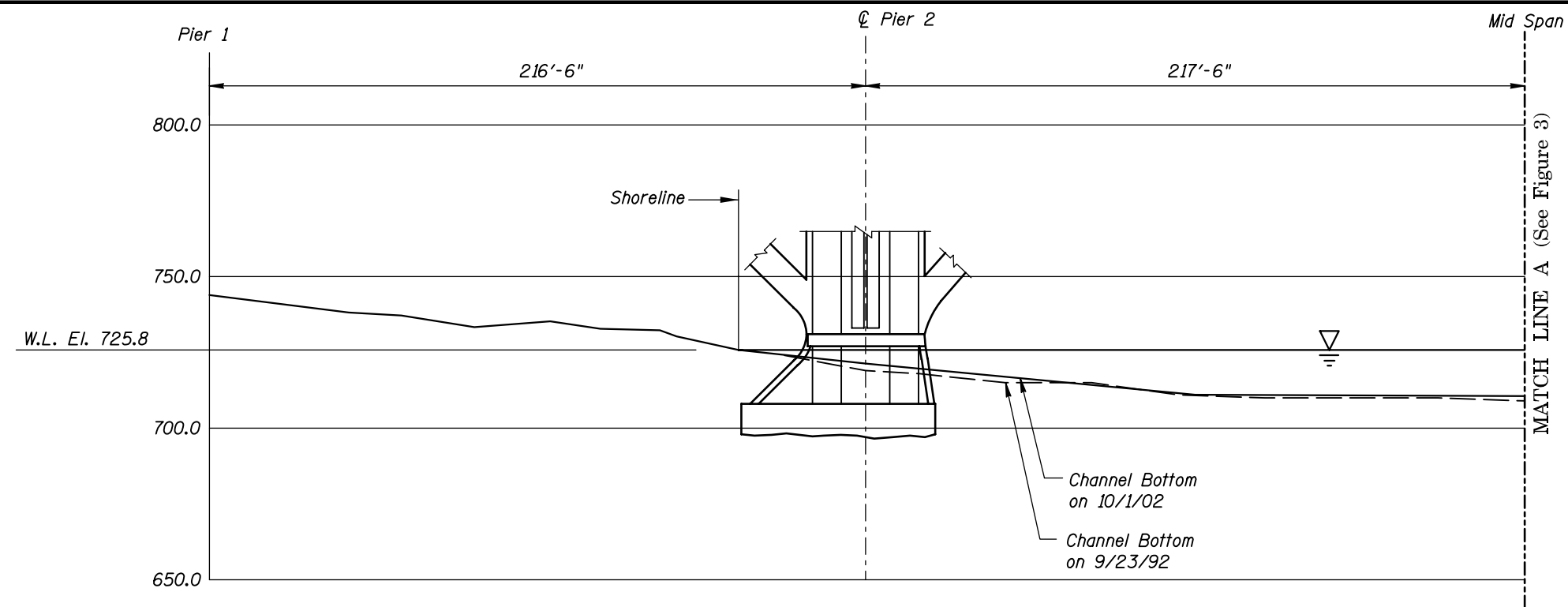
- 4.1 Sounding Depth from Waterline (10/1/02)
- 3.7 Sounding Depth from Waterline (10/23/97)

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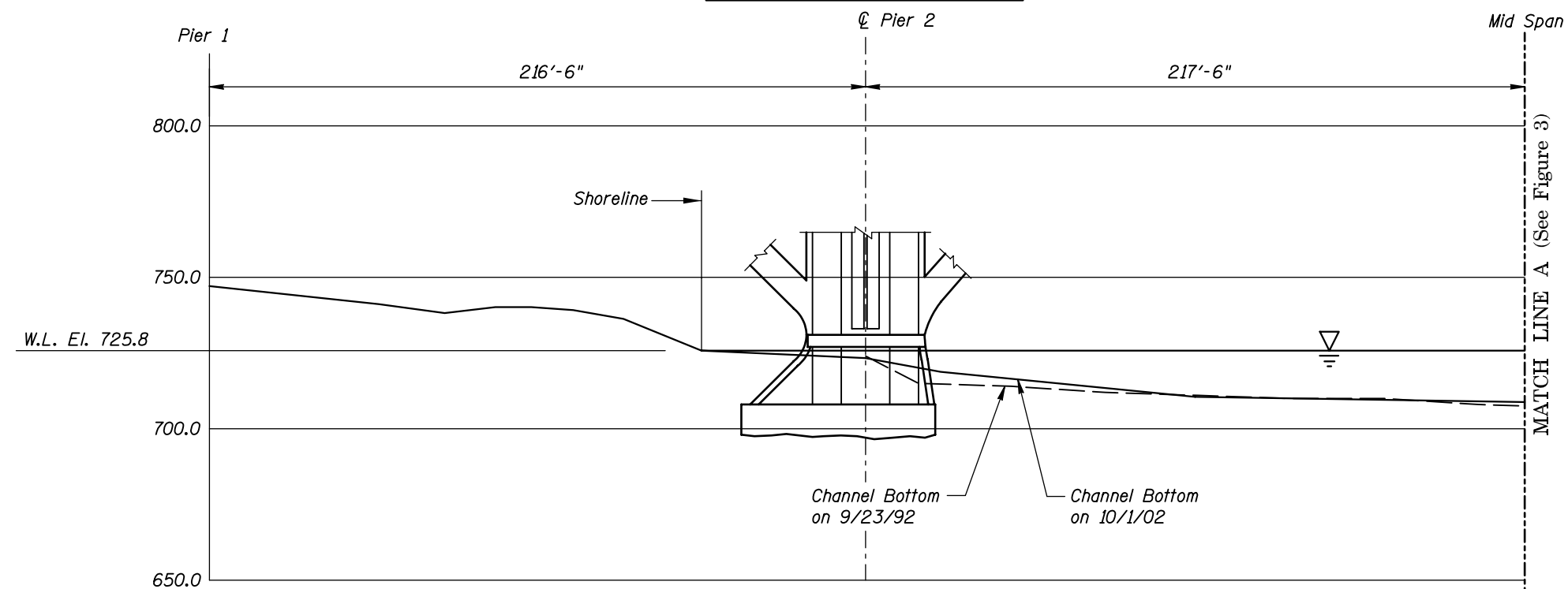
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**INSPECTION AND SOUNDING PLAN**

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UPSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE



DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE

Note:

Refer to Figure 1 for General Notes.

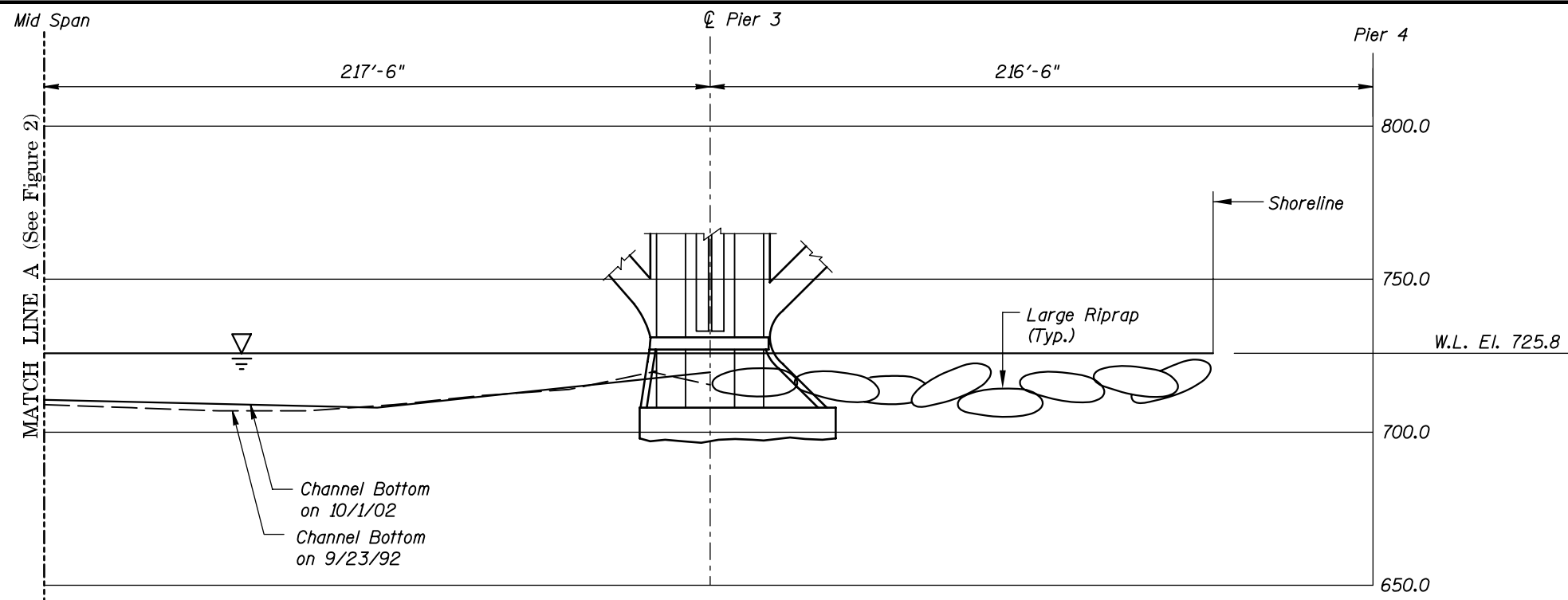
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**UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM  
FASCIA PROFILES – I**

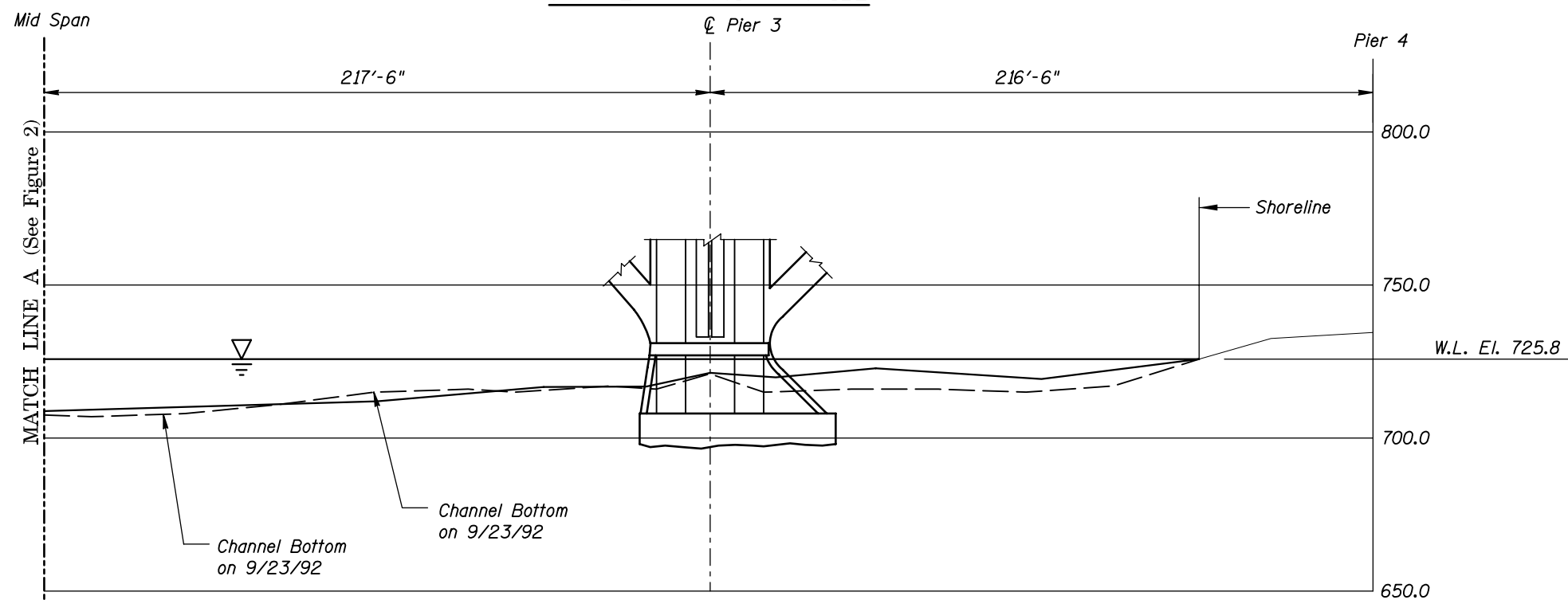
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UPSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE



DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE

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**UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM  
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Photograph 1. Overall View of the Structure, Looking South.



Photograph 2. View of Pier 2, Looking Northwest.



Photograph 3. View of Pier 3, Looking Southwest.



Photograph 4. View of Heavy Scaling and Section Loss at Pier 2, Looking Northwest.





Photograph 5. View of the Upstream End of Pier 2, Looking Northwest.



Photograph 6. View of Deterioration Along the West Side of Pier 2, Looking South.





Photograph 7. View of the Upstream Nose of Pier 3, Looking Northeast.



Photograph 8. View of the Heavy Scaling and Section Loss Along the West Side of Pier 3, Looking East.



Photograph 9. View of the Heavy Scaling and Section Loss Along the East Side of Pier 3, Looking Northwest.

Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES

UNDERWATER INSPECTION CONDITION RATING FORM

BRIDGE NO. 2441  
INSPECTORS Collins Engineers, Inc.  
ON-SITE TEAM LEADER Shirley M. Walker, P.E.  
WATERWAY CROSSED Mississippi River

INSPECTION DATE October 1, 2002  
NOTE: USE ALL APPLICABLE CONDITION  
DEFINITIONS AS DEFINED IN THE MINNESOTA  
RECORDING AND CODING GUIDE INCLUDING  
GENERAL, SUBSTRUCTURE, CHANNEL AND  
PROTECTION, AND CULVERTS AND WALL  
DEFINITIONS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

CONDITION RATING

UNIT REFERENCE NO.	UNIT DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM DEPTH OF WATER	SUBSTRUCTURE						CHANNEL					GENERAL					
			PILING	COLUMNS, SHAFTS, OR FACES*	FOOTINGS	DISPLACEMENT	OTHER	OVERALL SUBSTRUCTURE CONDITION CODE*	SCOUR	EMBANKMENT EROSION	EMBANKMENT PROTECTION	OTHER (DRIFT/DEBRIS)	OVERALL CHANNEL & PROTECTION CONDITION	CONCRETE	STEEL (REINFORCING)	TIMBER	LOSS OF SECTION	PREVIOUS REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE	OTHER
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Pier 2	9.5'	N	5	N	9	N	5	8	8	N	7	7	5	6	N	4	N	N
	Pier 3	9.0'	N	5	N	9	N	5	8	N	N	8	8	5	6	N	4	N	N

\*UNDERWATER PORTION ONLY

REMARKS: Overall, the concrete of both pier shafts from 4 feet above the waterline to 4 feet below the waterline was in fair condition with heavy scaling, extensive section loss, and exposed reinforcing steel observed at both piers. An accumulation of concrete rubble and steel debris was observed around Pier 2. The channel bottom appeared stable with no signs of significant scour or appreciable changes since the previous inspection.

NOTES: ATTACH SKETCHES AS NEEDED, IDENTIFY REMARK BY REFERRING TO UNIT REFERENCE NO. AND REMARK NO.  
USE GENERAL SECTION TO IDENTIFY OVERALL PRESENCE OF SPALLS, CRACKS, CORROSION, ETC.